

September 9, 2022

Jonathan Evans, Presiding Officer  
Subcommittee, New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
21 Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**Re: Docket No. 2021-02  
Investigation of Complaints: Field Sound Monitoring at Neighboring Properties**

Dear Mr. Evans:

We are writing in response to the August 31 quarterly report you filed with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee.

Specifically, we ask that you correct the record regarding your statement that “[t]he Complainants have not provided access to their properties for the Subcommittee’s independent expert, HMMH, to conduct sound measurements.”

Your claim that we refused access to our properties is an upsetting mischaracterization of what transpired.

In e-mail communications we had with you this past spring (attached to this letter), we expressly stated our desire to have sound testing conducted on our properties. As part of the testing process, we asked that we be fully informed about the method that would be followed for testing and that we have an opportunity to ask and get answers to specific questions.

Our request was simple, and we believed reasonable. It was based on particular concerns we, and others, raised with the subcommittee and the Site Evaluation Committee. You dismissed our request as premature and declared, without reason, that any discussion regarding methodology would result in an “argument session.” You asked that we summarize our concerns in writing, which we did, but received no response from you on whether our issues would be addressed. Now we learn from the quarterly report that the subcommittee’s sound technician completed testing at an unidentified location but no other details. It is not clear to us how this testing helps in validating and resolving our complaints.

You confirmed by email that the subcommittee “intends and wants” the sound studies to be conducted according to the SEC rules. This is all that we are asking. Now that the subcommittee has its own sound report, we look forward to finally addressing our concerns and for testing at our properties to be conducted properly.

Barbara Berwick can be reached at [wheesht56@gmail.com](mailto:wheesht56@gmail.com). Janice Longgood can be reached at email [jlonggood@yahoo.com](mailto:jlonggood@yahoo.com). We look forward to hearing back.

Sincerely,

Barbara Berwick  
Janice Longgood

cc: John Duclos, NHDES (via e-mail)  
Tom Eaton (via e-mail)  
Michael Haley, NHDOJ (via e-mail)  
Andrew Biemer, SEC Administrator (via email)  
John-Mark Turner (via e-mail)  
Richard Block  
Mandie Dube  
Shelley Ivey  
Lori Lerner  
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Charlene Morrison  
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New Hampshire Wind Watch

Attachment

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From: **Evans, Jonathan** <[Jonathan.A.Evans@dot.nh.gov](mailto:Jonathan.A.Evans@dot.nh.gov)>

Date: Thu, May 5, 2022 at 3:14 PM

Subject: RE: Noise Complaint Investigation

To: Janice Longgood <[jlonggood@yahoo.com](mailto:jlonggood@yahoo.com)>, Barbara Berwick <[wheesht56@gmail.com](mailto:wheesht56@gmail.com)>

Hi Ms Longgood and Ms Berwick,

The tests will be conducted according to the rules and standards. But we will not be able to conduct them on your property if you do not give permission. That is your prerogative. Please let me know by the end of the week if you change your mind and will give authorization.

Please note that I have removed Tom Eaton and John Duclos from this email because it would be a violation of the open meeting requirement in RSA 91-A for me to communicate with them outside of a public meeting.

-Jon

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Site Evaluation Subcommittee in Docket No. 2021-02

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**From:** Janice Longgood <[jlonggood@yahoo.com](mailto:jlonggood@yahoo.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 05, 2022 12:35 PM

**To:** Evans, Jonathan <[jonathan.a.evans@dot.nh.gov](mailto:jonathan.a.evans@dot.nh.gov)>

**Cc:** Barbara Berwick <[wheesht56@gmail.com](mailto:wheesht56@gmail.com)>; Tom Eaton <[teaton@ne.rr.com](mailto:teaton@ne.rr.com)>; Duclos, John <[john.j.duclos@des.nh.gov](mailto:john.j.duclos@des.nh.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Noise Complaint Investigation

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Dear Mr. Evans:

You are making assumptions about a meeting that are uncalled-for and suggest obvious bias. You are including your "expert" and we request to have someone meet with us

who has expertise in this matter that we trust.. A simple request that we have equal representation to understand the methodology that will be used. We understand that testing at our homes is just another task on your desk, but for us it's our lives. You do not seem to respect where we are coming from. We want assurances that the test will be done according to the SEC rules and standards.

If this is a meeting that we've asked for and one that will not include the full subcommittee, then you cannot control who will attend with us. Is there a time in the next few weeks that we can meet?

Thank you,

Janice Longgood

On Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 03:36:01 PM EDT, Evans, Jonathan <[jonathan.a.evans@dot.nh.gov](mailto:jonathan.a.evans@dot.nh.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ms. Longgood and Ms. Berwick,

Again, we are trying to avoid having anyone besides the homeowner our expert and myself in these conversations. We do not want this to turn into an argument session and have the facility and opponents all participate. If you would like to discuss our planned testing ahead of time, we would welcome that discussion. Please let me know one way or the other whether you will allow testing to take place on your property.

Thank you,

-Jon

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**From:** Janice Longgood <[jlonggood@yahoo.com](mailto:jlonggood@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2022 7:54 PM  
**To:** Evans, Jonathan <[jonathan.a.evans@dot.nh.gov](mailto:jonathan.a.evans@dot.nh.gov)>; Duclos, John <[john.j.duclos@des.nh.gov](mailto:john.j.duclos@des.nh.gov)>; [teaton@ne.rr.com](mailto:teaton@ne.rr.com)  
**Cc:** Barbara Berwick <[wheesht56@gmail.com](mailto:wheesht56@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Noise Complaint Investigation

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Dear Mr. Evans,

Barbara Berwick and I have discussed your emails. We are concerned and want to be very clear that we want the same thing that the State wants. We want the testing to happen on our properties and we want the methodology to be consistent with the SEC rules and the standards. Our position has not changed in over 2 years. We are not trying to be uncooperative.

You asked that we summarize our concerns in writing. You can find our concern in Section 2 of our August 13, 2021 letter to you and in the submitted concerns to the SEC in our Feb 4, 2021 motion for rehearing, paragraphs 63-66.

Our request is simple and we think reasonable. We ask that we be fully informed about the method that will be followed for the sound test and for the opportunity to ask, and get answers to specific questions. It's difficult for us to understand why our request is a problem or why it matters who we want to be included in that discussion.

Thank you,

Janice Longgood

Barbara Berwick

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From: **Evans, Jonathan** <[Jonathan.A.Evans@dot.nh.gov](mailto:Jonathan.A.Evans@dot.nh.gov)>

Date: Fri, Apr 29, 2022 at 6:24 PM

Subject: RE: SEC Dkt 2021-02 - Noise Complaint Investigation - Berwick

To: Barbara Berwick <[wheesht56@gmail.com](mailto:wheesht56@gmail.com)>

Good evening Ms. Berwick,

I understand your interest in having the sound studies conducted according to the rules. That is what the Subcommittee intends and wants too. To make you understand and feel comfortable with the process, we are happy to speak with you about what the testing entails.

At this point, it is not the right time to include the facility or members of the public in the process. We are focused on studying your complaint. Of course, anyone may submit written comments whenever they wish. When submitting comments, though, please bear in mind we are trying to conduct the studies without notifying the facility ahead of time.

A sound study is very important to validate your complaint, so I would request that you reconsider not providing authorization.

-Jon

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**From:** Barbara Berwick <[wheesht56@gmail.com](mailto:wheesht56@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 11:04 PM

**To:** Evans, Jonathan <[Jonathan.A.Evans@dot.nh.gov](mailto:Jonathan.A.Evans@dot.nh.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: SEC Dkt 2021-02 - Noise Complaint Investigation - Berwick

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Mr. Evans,

I think you need to understand that we have been burned before. Take a look at how the last sound study was done! I ran home from work during the middle of the day to talk to the people doing the testing. I asked that they send me the standards of how they would conduct, the testing and measure the sound. The men that were here were fine with that, said, no problem they would send it. I never received a thing. Furthermore, take a look at the number of usable hours of data that were retrieved from our locations!!!! We were promised the standards would be applied then too. Obviously, it was not the standards that was promised during the SEC hearings, nor was it the standards which were applied during the initial testing pre-construction. These people you are excluding are important to us for our protection. Neither Jan, nor I, are experts, and if everything is going to be done according to the SEC rules, there should be no objection to their presence in a meeting. I am writing this email on behalf of myself only. I have not yet talked to Jan. As for my husband and I, we are not authorizing the testing without being sure exactly how the testing will be conducted. Just saying that the SEC rules will be followed is not enough for me.

On Thu, Apr 28, 2022 at 3:40 PM Evans, Jonathan <[Jonathan.A.Evans@dot.nh.gov](mailto:Jonathan.A.Evans@dot.nh.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Berwick,

I would be happy to meet with you and HMMH to discuss logistics for the sound studies, but not a general meeting with other parties who have voiced their opposition to the facility. The Subcommittee will be considering arguments after the sound studies are complete.

HMMH's assignment is to conduct the studies in accordance with the Site Committee's Rules and the relevant ANSI standards. If you have concerns about methodology, would you mind summarizing them in writing so we can consider them in advance?

Antrim Wind is not being notified of this testing and you make a great point about Motorcycle Week.

These studies are very important to adjudicating your complaint, so please confirm you are authorizing them. We can then schedule a meeting about logistics.

-Jon

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**From:** Barbara Berwick <[wheesht56@gmail.com](mailto:wheesht56@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2022 8:22 PM

**To:** Evans, Jonathan <[Jonathan.A.Evans@dot.nh.gov](mailto:Jonathan.A.Evans@dot.nh.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: SEC Dkt 2021-02 - Noise Complaint Investigation - Berwick

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Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for your message. I am writing on behalf of Jan Longgood and myself, Barbara Berwick. We discussed your email requests and would like to proceed with the testing.

However, since we have been through this process before with the SEC and Mr Tocci back in Feb 2020, we want to be careful that the SEC rules and standards are correctly followed. I, as well as others, have expressed with the SEC and the subcommittee our concerns with the methods followed by Accentech and Mr. Tocci; concerns separate from just the 1-hour averaging issue, which is, of course, a major concern. Therefore, before we grant any permissions, we would like to meet with the subcommittee and your expert as you offered. Can

this be an informal meeting where we can speak freely? Perhaps a Zoom meeting? Also, we ask that Rob Rand, Lori Lerner and Lisa Linowes be invited as they have much more knowledge about the rules and standards than we do. We would also like to ask that AWE not be informed of the testing, and that testing not be done during motorcycle week. Is there a time that we can meet? We look forward to hearing back from you.

Thank you,

Barbara Berwick and Jan Longgood

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On Fri, Apr 22, 2022 at 7:49 PM Evans, Jonathan <[Jonathan.A.Evans@dot.nh.gov](mailto:Jonathan.A.Evans@dot.nh.gov)> wrote:

Good evening Ms. Berwick,

As you know the investigatory Subcommittee of the N.H. Site Evaluation Committee is conducting an investigation of complaints concerning the Antrim Wind facility. The Subcommittee has hired independent sound experts to conduct long-term unattended monitoring and short-term attended monitoring to measure sound levels. The firm that has been retained is HMMH. Their webpage is here: <https://hmmh.com/>.

Since you filed a complaint, the Subcommittee would very much like for its expert to conduct studies on your property. We anticipate the microphones and related equipment will be set up as unobtrusively as possible while still complying with the Site Evaluation Committee's rules and the relevant ANSI standards for reliable measurements.

The long-term monitoring will last approximately two to three weeks depending upon the weather conditions. The long-term monitoring equipment will continuously record sound and weather data. In order to conduct this monitoring as effectively and efficiently as possible, the monitoring equipment requires access to a continuous source of AC power. The electricity requirements are minimal and allow the equipment to operate continuously without requiring a site visit from a technician to replace the batteries every one to two days. As a result, it would be far more efficient and less intrusive if HMMH were allowed to use an extension cord and connect to your AC power.

The short-term attended monitoring is anticipated to take place during the overnight hours and last approximately 1-2 hours, several nights during the study period. The technician who will be conducting the study is a trained professional who will endeavor to be as unobtrusive as possible while still complying with rules and standards. The technician will provide advance notice prior to entering your property but it is our expectation and hope that other than the advance notice you will not even know he or she is there.

The Subcommittee believes the data gathered by the sound expert is necessary to adequately assess your complaint. As such, the Subcommittee respectfully requests you grant the firm HMMH permission to enter your property and hook up to your AC power for this study. If you are amenable to this request, please let me know and perhaps we can set up a time to talk along with our expert to go over the process and details. Without your permission, the Subcommittee may not be able to adequately assess your concerns related to the Antrim Wind facility.

Thank you very much,

-Jon

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